...WHAT I DID WRONG WAS THAT I DIDN'T TELL KASIN THE TRUTH AND MADE HIM BE CAUTIOUS.
AND RAN, IF THERE WAS SOMETHING WRONG ABOUT YOU, THAT WOULD BE YOUR DISTORTED WAY OF THINKING.

WE ARE THE ONES WHO MADE HIM BE PUT TO DEATH.

IS HE-
REALLY GOING TO DIE?
RAN!!

IT WOULD BE BETTER FOR HER NOT TO SEE ME, ANYWAY.
WOULD IT...?! WELL, COME VISIT US NEXT TIME!
...WHY ARE YOU GUYS UP SO EARLY?
TO SAY GOOD-BYE...
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WHERE'S KASIN? HE'S NOT GONE ALREADY, IS HE?!
NOT YET..
DID YOU GUYS MAKE UP YET?

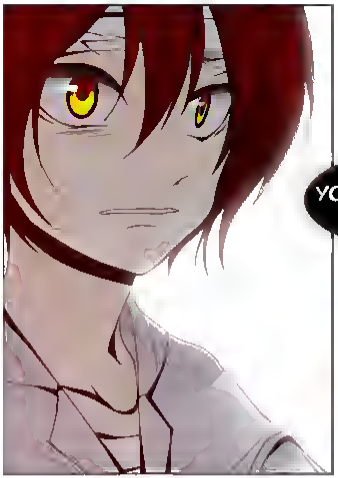
I'M GOING TO PICK YOU UP IN A LITTLE BIT. SO DON'T WORRY TOO MUCH
SQUEAK-
I WON'T
HEY, KASIN!!
ARE YOU LEAVING NOW?
WHY DON'T YOU SAY BYE TO SENIKA? SHE'LL BE HERE BY TOMORROW.

BY THE WAY IS EVERYTHING OKAY NOW?

ONLY THE IMMUNOTHERAPY IS COMPLETED. WE NEED TO WAIT AND SEE FOR THE REST OF THE PROCESS

YOU MUST BE VERY WORRIED

IS THIS...



THE TIME FOR YOU TO BE WORRYING ABOUT SOMEONE ELSE?

IF YOU FOLLOW THAT GUY NOW...

YOU'RE GONNA DIE...!!

...

HOLD ON.

STUMP

I'M GOING TO LEAVE ANYWAY BUT I STILL NEED TO SAY THIS BEFORE I DO

I DIDN'T DO THAT TO YOUR GIRLFRIEND ON PURPOSE.
-WHAT?

IF I KNEW THAT I WAS MAKING SOMEONE SICK I WOULD HAVE NEVER STAYED AWAY FROM THE SNAIL
AND OF COURSE I WOULD HAVE NEVER GONE NEAR TO HER ROOM

NOW I UNDERSTAND A BIT ABOUT YOUR BEHAVIORS AND THE LIFE YOU GUYS HAVE LIVED, BUT I'M STILL NOT GOING TO APOLOGIZE-
BECAUSE YOU'RE ALSO AT FAULT FOR NOT TELLING ME WHAT WAS GOING ON AND ATTACKING ME LIKE THAT!

ANYWAYS, IF WE MEET AGAIN NEXT TIME, I WOULD LIKE IT IF WE WOULDN'T FIGHT OVER SOMETHING LIKE THIS.
AND I ALSO WISH THAT SENIKA WOULD GET BETTER

THEN,

GOOD-BYE.

STUMP

WE'RE DONE HERE. LET'S GO

STUMP

...THIS IS ALL BULLSHIT.

ARE YOU GUYS ALL MESSING WITH ME?

IT CAN'T BE.

YOU GUYS..

CHOSE THE WRONG PERSON TO KILL. DIDN'T YOU?

DOES HE REALLY LOOK LIKE SOMEONE WHO WOULD DESTROY THIS WORLD IN YOUR EYES? YOU FU*KING BASTARDS!!

I WAS THE ONE WHO STARTED EVERYTHING

I'M THE ONE WHO ATTACKED FIRST AND ALSO THE ONE WHO USED MAGIC AND EVERYTHING. IF YOU GUYS HAVE EYES, YOU CAN SEE WHAT IS GOING ON!

BUT WHY DOES HE HAVE TO GET PUNISHED?! WHAT EXACTLY DID HE DO WRONG?!!!

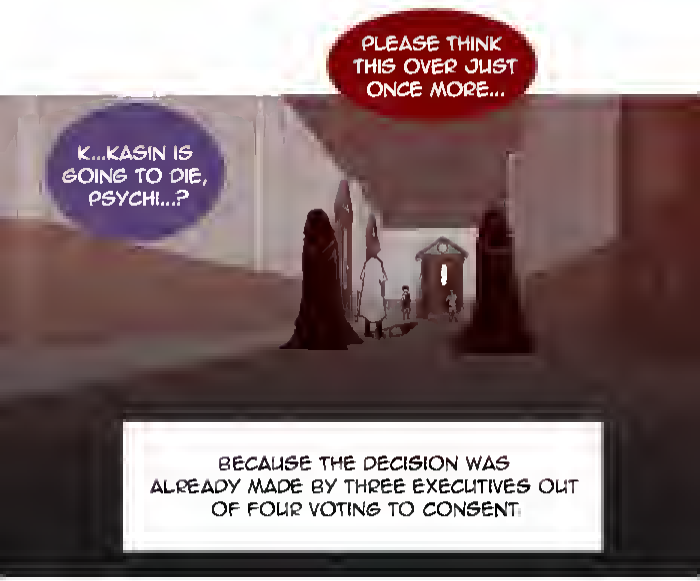
DO YOU KNOW WHAT THAT KID IS LIKE?!
I'M THE ONE WHO BULLIED HIM AND REALLY TRIED TO KILL HIM, BUT WHEN I GAVE HIM A KNIFE TO GET REVENGE ON ME, HE HESITATED WHILE CRYING!!
WHAT...?
A PERSON TO KILL?
KILL ME INSTEAD!! IF EITHER OF US HAS TO DIE, IT SHOULD BE ME, NOT HIM!!
SHUT YOUR MOUTH, RAN.

WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?
DO YOU THINK KASIN WOULD STAY CALM AND DO NOTHING WHEN HE FOUND OUT THAT HE IS GOING TO DIE?!
FLOP-!
WHY DO YOU THINK I'VE BEEN KEEPING QUIET THIS WHOLE TIME?
IF HE CAUSES ANY MORE TROUBLE, ALL THE HOPE WE HAD LEFT WILL DISAPPEAR!
WHY DO YOU NEVER THINK BEFORE YOU DO SOMETHING? WHY?!!
THAT'S WHY I'M SAYING THIS...!

HOWEVER, THE RESPONSE FROM THE HEAD OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT WAS--

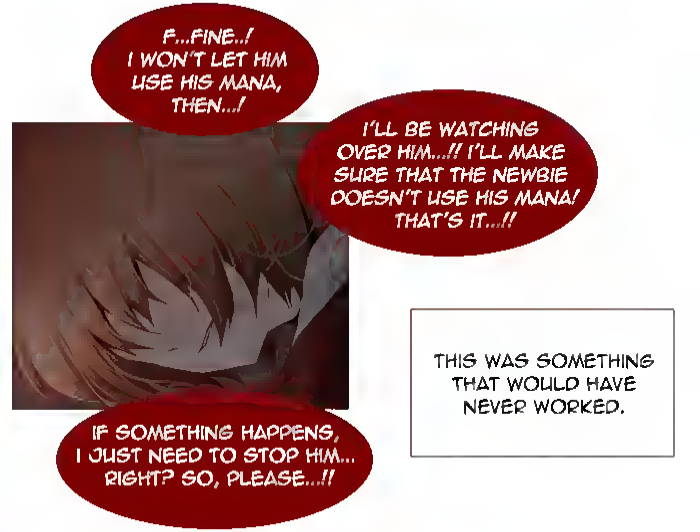
CALL FORTH A MEETING

SO WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU AND DAD?!


PLEASE THINK THIS OVER JUST ONCE MORE...
K...KASIN IS GOING TO DIE, PSYCH!...?
BECAUSE THE DECISION WAS ALREADY MADE BY THREE EXECUTIVES OUT OF FOUR VOTING TO CONSENT.

I'M BEGGING YOU...
...WAGH!! KASIN, DON'T DIE!!!

I'M BEGGING THEM TO REEXAMINE IF HE REALLY IS SOMEONE TO HURT OTHERS...!
YOU KNOW BETTER THAN ANYBODY ELSE THAT HE WOULDN'T USE HIS MANA HOWEVER HE PLEASES!! YOU ALSO OBJECTED TO KILLING HIM!!!


F...FINE..! I WON'T LET HIM USE HIS MANA, THEN...!
I'LL BE WATCHING OVER HIM...!! I'LL MAKE SURE THAT THE NEWBIE DOESN'T USE HIS MANA! THAT'S IT...!!
IF SOMETHING HAPPENS, I JUST NEED TO STOP HIM... RIGHT? SO, PLEASE...!!
THIS WAS SOMETHING THAT WOULD HAVE NEVER WORKED.

WHAT DO YOU THINK HAPPENED?
IT'S JUST AS YOU SEE NOW.
AFTER THE MAN [illegible] THE FACILITY, ALL FOUR OF US DON'T HAVE TO BE ISOLATED AT ALL, AND WE EVEN GAINED SOCI[illegible] RIGHTS JUST LIKE ORDINARY MANA POSSESSORS.
YOU MEAN... THE HEAD OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT?
[illegible] DESPERA[illegible]N HAD EVEN M[illegible] THE HEART OF THE MOST HIGH-RANKING EXECUTIVE.
EVERYONE WAS TRYING TO KILL ME OR SAVE ME. IT WAS ALL CHAOTIC.

AND THEN? WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?!
WELL, AFTER THAT
OH, RIGHT THE 73RD BOX.

AFTER THAT, WE GOT ADMITTED TO AN ORDINARY SCHOOL... AND AT THE TIME, MAKING "A MEMORY BOX" WAS THE TREND. THE 73RD BOX IN YOUR ROOM IS THE ONE WE MADE.
THE FOUR OF US MADE THE BOX.
BUT IT'S NOT LIKE WE MEANT TO PUT SOMETHING SPECIAL IN THAT BOX, THOUGH...

IT WAS MADE TO PUT THE MEMORIES OF US FIGHTING AND SENIKA BEING SICK IN THE BOX, AND LOCK THEM AWAY FOREVER

IT WAS LIKE A TOKEN TO PROMISE THAT WE WOULDN'T FIGHT OR GET SICK

TRUTHFULLY THE REASON WE TRIED TO HIDE THE EXISTENCE OF THE BOX ALTHOUGH IT WASN'T ANYTHING SPECIAL

WAS BECAUSE WE WEREN'T BRAVE ENOUGH TO BRING UP THE STORIES ABOUT SENIKA TO YOU AS IF IT WASN'T A BIG DEAL

BECAUSE...

BECAUSE SHE'S DEAD?
HUH? YOU ALREADY KNEW?
GEEZ!! THAT WAS WHY YOU LIED TO ME AND KEPT IT A SECRET THIS WHOLE TIME?
IT'S NOT LIKE MY DAD IS A HERMAPHRODITE OR ANYTHING. BUT I DON'T HAVE MOM. DID YOU THINK I WOULDN'T THINK ABOUT SOMETHING LIKE THAT?
SSH,,-

NO, IT'S JUST I THOUGHT YOU WOULD BE SHOCKED

IT'S NOT SOMETHING YOU SHOULD WORRY ABOUT. I JUST WANT YOU TO NOT FIGHT WITH A POLICE OFFICER. THAT'S ALL.

YOU DON'T HAVE ANY IDEA HOW MUCH I WORRIED THAT YOU'D TRY TO DEFEND ME WHEN THE OFFICER FOUND OUT WHO I AM EARLIER, DO YOU?

I DON'T WANT YOU TO BECOME A CRIMINAL LIKE MY DAD.

-...A CRIMI...

I'VE DONE SOMETHING EVEN WORSE!!!
I FEEL A LOT BETTER AFTER HEARING EVERYTHING FROM YOU!!

WELL, I KNOW THAT I SHOULD BE MORE CAREFUL NOW THAT THEY KNOW WHO I AM, BUT... I DON'T FEEL THAT BAD.
OH, RIGHT! SOUNDS LIKE MY DAD WAS HOPELESS, BUT THANK YOU FOR BEING HIS FRIEND, KASIN!!
OH... BY THE WAY... THERE IS ONE MORE THING TO TELL YOU...

IT FEELS AWKWARD... TO SAY IT RIGHT NOW, BUT... THIS ALSO HAS SOMETHING TO DO WITH YOU, SO CAN
YUP YUP~ TELL ME~

TO TELL YOU
THE TRUTH...
I JUST...

..TWO-FIST RAN IN
TO THE POLICE OFFICER
WHO FOUND OUT ABOUT
WHO YOU ARE, ON
THE WAY BACK HERE.
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to be continued...